

GERMANS BEGIN NEW ATTACK EAST OF ARRAS

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WORLD'S GREATEST BATTLE: LATEST PICTURES



British cavalry moving up to support our lines against the Hun push.



Smiling "kilties" advancing to their posts in the line, eager for the fray.



"All goes well," a wounded man brings news from the front line to two officers.

The greatest battle in the history of the world sways, but everywhere the enemy is well held by our valiant troops. Yesterday's British official shows that renewed and



The Germans got these all right.



Map showing new Hun push near Arras.

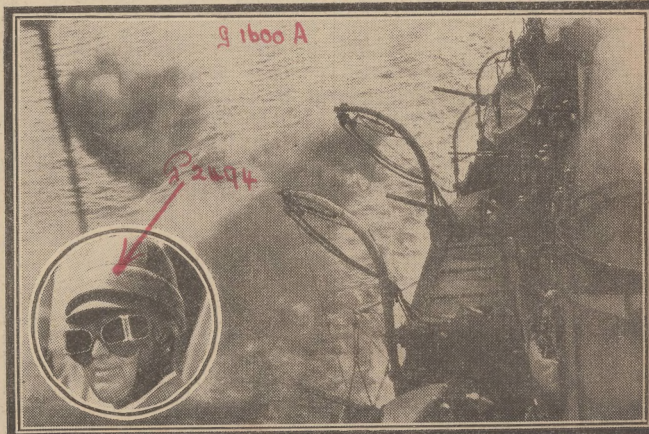
repeated attacks by the German hordes were beaten off, and that we captured prisoners and guns. The enemy opened a heavy bombardment on our defences east of Arras.

MARRIAGE OF MAJOR THE HON. LIONEL TENNYSON.



Major the Hon. Lionel Tennyson and the Hon. Mrs. Bethel, who were quietly married on Wednesday. It will be remembered that Mrs. Adrian Bethel was formerly the Hon. Clarissa Madeline Georgina Felicite Tennant, daughter of Lord and Lady Glenconner. Born in 1896, and married to Captain Adrian Bethel in 1915, she is only twenty-two. Major Tennyson before the war was the famous county cricketer.

THE NAVY IS WAITING TO TAKE A HAND.



The British Navy is waiting to take a hand in the supreme struggle. Photograph shows light cruiser firing 4in. gun. Inset, Rear-Admiral Mark Kerr, on a seaplane trip.

GROW POTATOES AND HELP BEAT HUNS!

Counties Which Consume More Than They Produce.

£750 IN PRIZES.

Grow more potatoes now. The urgent need for a greatly increased production by farmers and amateur growers in all parts of the country cannot be emphasised too strongly.

The Food Production Department still regards the potato situation as highly unsatisfactory and says that unless a very special effort is made during the next week or two, a great shortage next year will be inevitable.

The Prime Minister has appealed for a million more acres to be cultivated. If this is done it will ensure the thwarting of Germany's desperate efforts to starve us, by cutting off our foreign food supplies.

50,000 ACRES LOST IN FRANCE.

More than 50,000 acres of land sown with potatoes behind the lines by soldiers in France, for their own use, have fallen into German hands again during the enemy's offensive.

All this, and very much more, can and must be made good by those at home.

It is for our farmers, allotment holders and amateur gardeners to see that the Army does not suffer, and that victory is gained on the potato fields at home just as much as on the battlefields of France.

Almost everyone can help—men, women and children. All who have the use of their hands. If you have not a garden, a back yard, or a bit of waste land, it can be usefully cultivated; then take immediate steps to secure an allotment.

To encourage amateur growers—and the army of these is being added to daily by many thousands—The Daily Mirror is offering £750 in cash prizes, as follows:

First prize	£500	Fourth prize	£25
Second prize	100	Fifth prize	10
Third prize	50	13 prizes of	5

Any five healthy and eatable potatoes grown in an allotment or private garden may win the first prize or one of the other awards.

The judges will not look with any special favour upon the biggest or the freak potato. The prizes will go to those who make the best individual effort to increase the nation's home-grown food supply, full regard being taken of the facilities at their disposal.

COUNTIES WITH DEFICITS.

The appeal that is being made by the Ministry of Food to each county to become self-supporting in the matter of potatoes is meeting with an enthusiastic response.

The following table shows, in round figures, some of the counties where the deficits exist, and the Food Ministry invites the co-operation of all growers in those counties to make this scheme of self-supporting supplies a success:—

County.	Grown.	Consumed.	Deficit.
Gloucester	19,300	69,400	50,100
Derham	61,000	133,700	72,700
Warwick	59,300	125,100	65,800
York	297,000	387,700	90,700
Lincoln	20,500	111,700	91,200
Midsex	17,100	117,000	99,900
Lancaster	351,800	455,500	103,700
London	2,300	423,800	421,500

The general idea is that people living in each county should be encouraged to grow, if possible, all the potatoes they require. Deficits will be drawn, not from distant parts of the country, but from the nearest county with a surplus. This will effect great economy in transport.

DO YOUR BIT NOW.

Voluntary Work for Every Man and Woman in Country.

Englishmen and Englishwomen, roll up your sleeves and help your country in her hour of urgent need.

There is work for everyone to-day. It need not necessarily be military work, urgent though the call is for men and more men and still more men to reinforce our heroes in the battle line.

There are voluntary organisations in almost innumerable numbers doing work of value to the State which require workers.

There are also many Government departments and local authorities requiring voluntary workers.

To bring before the public the names of the organisations and the nature of the work they undertake the National Service Department has issued a directory giving the address of the official to whom application should be made by those willing to offer voluntary service to the State.

Write or apply personally to the National Service Department, Windsor Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W. 1, for a copy of this directory. It gives you all the information you require.

TRAGIC SLIP AT A PICNIC.

The body has been recovered from the sea of Mrs. Todd, wife of Captain John Todd, Army chaplain on leave from the front, who belongs to Hartlepool and is staying at Scarborough.

The couple were having a picnic at Rempton, near Brighthelm, when Mrs. Todd approached too close to the cliff edge and fell a considerable distance into the sea.

SHOT ON THE STAGE.

Widow of "Chinese" Conjuror Explains the Fatal Trick.

"SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED."

The inquest on the music-hall artist known as "Chung Ling Soo," whose real name was Elsworth Robinson, and who was shot on the stage at Wood Green Empire on Saturday night in the course of a conjuring entertainment, was held yesterday.

Olive Robinson, the widow, said the deceased was forty-eight. She had acted as his assistant for twenty-five years.

As far as she knew no one but the deceased and the people who made the guns had any knowledge of their mechanism.

Describing the trick, witness said her husband produced two bullets, which he showed to the audience in a cup containing a false bottom, beneath which were two specially prepared bullets.

The two bullets which the audience saw were marked by persons in the theatre, but on her way back to the stage she removed the marked bullets, leaving others in their place.

The bullets really used were the ones which had been specially prepared beforehand.

Witness said that during the performance at the second house on Saturday last the two assistants fired the guns in the direction of the performer. The next she knew was a cry from her husband, "My God, something has happened. Lower the curtain."

Her husband was bleeding from the chest and back. She asked how the accident happened and he replied, "I don't know."

There had never been an accident before during the many years they had performed the trick.

The Coroner: Do you know that it is not intended that the bullets placed in the gun barrel should come out of the gun when fired?—That is the trick. The bullets should remain in the gun.

The inquest was adjourned for expert examination of the gun.

DUNKIRK BOMBARDED.

Kaiser's "Imperial Thanks" to Krupp's for 75-Mile Gun.

PARIS, Wednesday Night.—During several days the Germans have bombarded Dunkirk and the district with long-range guns. Five casualties are reported and the damage to property is not considerable.—Central News.

[The distance is about twenty miles from the nearest German lines, and the town has been previously bombarded at this range.]

"By the bombardment of Paris from a distance of considerably more than a hundred kilometres (sixty-two miles) your new gun has brilliantly stood its test," says the Kaiser in a telegram to Krupp's.

"I therefore express to you and all your fellow-workers my imperial thanks for this achievement of German science and German labour."—Reuter.

AIRMEN'S HYMN.

Two Injured R.N.A.S. Officers Compose Anthem for the Service.

A hymn has been written by a young R.N.A.S. sub-lieutenant, and set to music by another officer in the same division of the Air Service, and is being submitted to the King with a view to its being adopted as the official hymn of the Air Service.

Sub-Lieutenant A. C. Kernode, R.N., son of the year of Haslemere, on leaving school, and abandoned a scholarship won at Cambridge, and joined the R.N.A.S. Whilst in training at Dover he met with a terrible accident, and his recovery is counted as one of the surgical marvels of the war.

For the past few months he has been performing ground duties at a West of England station, where he met another officer, Lieutenant W. H. Evans, R.N.A.S., who had also received flying injuries.

In civil life Lieutenant Evans is the organist of the Parish Church, Hampton Wick, and the chance meeting of these two young officers has resulted in the production of a number of compositions, but the hymn is perhaps the most ambitious.

FATHER'S ADVICE IN HIS WILL.

Mr. Astley Weston, of Bristol, solicitor, who left £13,601, "directed his children not to take any intoxicating drink or narcotics except under medical advice, and also not to play any games for money and not to indulge in betting or gambling of any description, and cautioned them against extravagance, self-indulgence and idleness, and advised them, should they think of marriage, to consult their mother and take her advice."

SOLDIER'S FAREWELL KISS.

Death from natural causes was the verdict at an inquest at Southwark yesterday on Frederick William Ward, forty-four, a private in the Army Veterinary Corps, who was home on leave.

On Monday night he went to the theatre. After retiring he kissed his wife, said "Good night," and started to cry. His wife got him out of bed, but he expired immediately.

BARONET IN DOCK.

Clergyman Charged with Alleged Bigamous Marriage with Widow.

SEQUEL TO A MEETING.

The Rev. Sir Douglas Edward Scott, baronet, fifty-four, again appeared at Westminster yesterday on a charge of unlawfully wearing naval uniform and decorations.

Mr. Rowe, for the Director of Public Prosecutions, said that, in view of the fact that there were more serious charges, the Admiralty did not wish to proceed with the charge.

Prisoner was then charged with marrying Vanda Marion Williams in 1918 at Caversham, his wife, Lady Scott, being alive.

Mr. Rowe said that prisoner married Lady Scott on December 11, 1899. Prisoner was a minister of the Church of England, and had five children by Lady Scott, the eldest being seventeen and the youngest four.

In 1917 prisoner became acquainted with Mrs. Vanda Williams, widow of a City clerk, who was employed in a restaurant at Reading Station. Last November he offered her marriage, and said that his wife had been dead for three years.

On January 14, 1918, he left home, telling Lady Scott he was about to leave for France in connection with the Church Army.

It was proved that he did go to France, but on February 17 he returned to Reading, and next day was married to Mrs. Williams by licence. Prisoner was remanded for a week.

MOVE ON AMMAN.

General Allenby's Effective Push East of the Jordan.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

Afternoon.—At 4 p.m. on March 27 our forces east of the Jordan were converging on Amman and our mounted troops were within a mile of the town.

Two hundred prisoners were taken in the course of the day's fighting. Our aeroplanes shot and drove down four enemy machines and heavily bombed the enemy troops, transport and trains on the Hedjaz railway, many direct hits being observed during the night of the 27th.

Successful raids were carried out at points between the Jerusalem-Nabulus road and the Jordan Valley.

[Amman is on the Damascus-Hedjaz railway and is about 110 miles south of Damascus.]

RUSSIANS STILL FIGHTING

Peasants with Machine Guns Stop Grain Going to Austria.

PETROGRAD, Wednesday (received yesterday).—The Prada, after reporting the recapture of Odessa, says numerous independent actions are proceeding on the Ukrainian front.

The Russian commanders on the northern front report the concentration of German troops at Vitebsk, and numerous infringements of the demarcation line by the Germans.—Reuter.

AMSTERDAM, Thursday.—According to the *Fossische Zeitung*, the Food department of the Government of Kiev reports that anarchy in the country has reached the highest point. The Commissioner of the Proskuroff district telegraphed to the Central Rada that the peasants were resisting the export of corn to Austria with hand grenades and machine guns.—Reuter.

GRADE 1 AND 2 MEN.

"Military Instructions to Bring Them All Before Tribunal Early."

In pressing for men graded 1 and 2, Captain H. D. Carter, at Middlesex Prison yesterday, said: "I have received instructions to bring all the grade 1 and 2 men before you at the earliest possible moment. In the present circumstances I must ask you to give them to me."

The chairman, Sir Herbert Field, K.C., M.P., remarked that even grade 2 men cannot remain now unless there is some very exceptional circumstance.

Sir A. Geddes, M.L.—In consequence of illness Sir Auckland Geddes will be unable to go to Nottingham to confer with the military tribunal representative and others concerned in National Service organisation.

Miners and "the Call."—Mr. J. G. Hancock, M.P., principal officer of the Miners' Federation, yesterday urged the necessity for men to answer the call in the present crisis.

LICHNOWSKY TO BE TRIED.

Zurich, Wednesday Evening.—The *Germania* announces that Prince Lichnowsky will be brought up for trial on a charge of violating official secrets and acting contrary to orders.

A prisoner found guilty of this charge is liable to a term of imprisonment or a fine not exceeding £250.—Central News.

[In his memorandum of what occurred during his Ambassadorship in London Lichnowsky completely exposed Berlin's determination for war in 1914.]

LONDON AND ITS EASTERTIDE.

Munition Workers "Sticking" to Their Jobs.

SEEING THE KIDDIES OFF.

The eve of Good Friday found most Londoners determined to "carry on" without indulging in a week-end holiday.

The situation at the front held everybody's attention and caused all to realise the absolute necessity of "doing their bit" while the men in khaki "over there" were holding back the Niagara-like flood of Huns pouring down on them.

Busy Railway Stations.—London railway stations yesterday presented an animated appearance. Most of the booking offices were besieged by waiting queues. Many women were carrying parcels and babies. The charge of the light luggage brigade was a sight to fight against.

There was not sufficient seat room for all the passengers, and many had to wait for a later train. A well-known M.P. was among the disappointed ones.

Men in khaki, W.A.A.C.s, Red Cross workers, mothers with their children were among the passengers.

The *Daily Mirror* chatted with a number of men and women in the booking-office queues.

One woman said: "I've been doing war work for months without holiday. We are having a break in our department for four days, and if gives me a chance to visit my mother. She, too, is doing war work."

Most of the women, it was learned, were leaving town for only a day or two. They explained that their offices or shops were to be closed, and a few days out of town visiting friends would buck them up for harder work on their return.

There were singularly few men in any of the railway station queues. One man said: "I'm just seeing my wife and kiddies off. I'm sticking it. All my pals are doing the same."

Trains as Usual.—Owing to the national necessity for many of the munition works to be open as usual on Good Friday, Saturday and Easter Monday, the Underground Railways have arranged that the train services will commence at the usual week-day time.

EXTRA PAY FOR WORKING.

Referring to Mr. Winston Churchill's request to munition workers to "carry on" as usual over the Easter holidays, Mr. Robert Young, general secretary of the A.S.E., said yesterday: "My own opinion is that the men will willingly respond to the invitation provided the employers are willing to meet them by paying the usual district rates for holidays."

There can be no doubt that many of the men stand in need of holiday, and it would be unfair to expect them to forgo their holiday without being remunerated at the regular recognised rate for holiday work."

The King's study money was distributed by the Lord High Almoner yesterday (Maundy Thursday) at Westminster Abbey.

In stalls above the choir sat the Queen, with Queen Alexandra, Princess Mary, Princess Victoria and Princess Helena.

The anthem over, the Lord High Almoner and his officers bore, in the King's name, a red, a white and a blue purse to each recipient, who cried in loud tones "God bless the King!"

"CAN'T GO TO LONDON."

High Railway Fares Bring Country Shops More Customers.

"There will be very little spring shopping in London by West Country families this year owing to the increased railway fares," writes a Devonshire correspondent to *The Daily Mirror*. "It has been a practice of old county families to deal regularly with certain firms in London. Country people are methodical shoppers. Twice a year they re-stock their wardrobes and linen cupboards."

"Many are now placing their orders with local firms, which thus gain by the war change, but London shops are doing more business than ever because of the influx of war workers."

NEWS ITEMS.

1,000 Newspapers Dearer.—More than 1,000 daily and weekly publications have now increased their price.

A 160lb. Turbot.—A 160lb. turbot, caught at Lochinver, was sent to Billingsgate, where it fetched a handsome price.

Mme. Gourko Killed.—While working as a nurse in a hospital Mme. Gourko, wife of the Russian general, was killed by a bomb, says a Paris message.

Wardrobe as Bequest.—An oak wardrobe made in the reign of Charles I. is bequeathed by Mr. G. C. Cookson Jones, of Horton (who left £43,081) to his daughter.

The Soldier's Holiday.—"I am home on leave. This is a nice place to spend it," remarked a soldier appearing in a witness at Clerkenwell County Court yesterday.

Wore Bogus Badges.—For fraudulently obtaining money and goods while wearing officer's bogus decorations, William George was at Pontypridd yesterday sent to gaol for six months.

BRITISH AT GRIPS WITH FOE ON 55 MILES FRONT

Thrusts for Arras and Amiens—Way Barred in Swaying Battles Still Raging.

DASHING FRENCH SUCCESS NEAR NOYON.

Montdidier Lost—7 Hun Divisions Flung Into Arras Battle—Berlin Admits Heavy Casualties at Vital Points.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, Thursday.

8.17 P.M.—Heavy fighting has taken place during the day along the whole British line north and south of the Somme to the north-east of Arras—a battle front of some fifty-five miles.

This morning, after an intense preliminary bombardment and covered by a cloud of smoke, the enemy opened a fresh attack in great strength on a wide front south and north of the Scarpe River.

At the same time a series of powerful attacks were delivered by him all along our line southwards to the Somme.

In the new sector of the battle east of Arras the enemy succeeded in forcing his way through our outpost line and hard fighting has been going on all day in our battle positions.

Here all the enemy's assaults have been repulsed with heavy loss to him.

Fierce fighting is taking place south of the Scarpe.

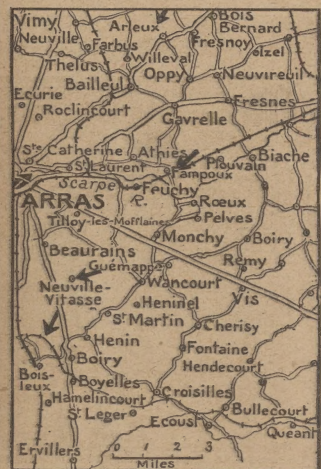
At Boyelles, Moyenneville, Ablainzeville, Bucquoy and Puisieux our troops have also been repeatedly attacked and have beaten off a number of determined assaults.

At Vernancourt the enemy succeeded in forcing his way for the second time into the village but was driven out once more by our counter-attacks with the loss of many killed or taken prisoners.

South of the Somme our troops have been fiercely engaged all day in the neighbourhood of Arvillers, Vrely and Hamel.

Different localities have changed hands frequently in bitter fighting, but our positions have been substantially maintained.

Heavy fighting is continuing in this sector also.



The Germans have launched a new blow at the British East of Arras, and our line, as the result of the fighting, now runs: Arras-Fampoux-Neuville-Vitasse-Boisieux.

REPEATED BLOWS FAIL.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE, Thursday. Severe fighting took place again yesterday evening and during the night astride the Somme and northwards from Albert to Poyelles.

Repeated attacks were made by the enemy along the valley of the Somme and in the neighbourhood of Beaumont Hamel, Puisieux and Moyenneville and were repulsed.

We captured a number of prisoners and machine guns.

Fighting is continuing fiercely on both banks of the Somme.

This morning the enemy opened a heavy bombardment on our defences east of Arras and an attack is developing in this sector.

GERMAN THRUSTS FOR ARRAS AND AMIENS.

French Gain of Two Miles on Six Miles Front Near Noyon.

OUR ALLY'S PRESSURE.

WAR OFFICE OFFICIAL.

6.31 P.M.—During the night the enemy succeeded in crossing the Somme from north to south near Chilpilly and consequently the left flank of our troops south of the Somme was compelled to fall back towards Hamel.

From that place the line runs through La Motte-en-Santerre-Caix-Vrely-Warvillers.

South of this the French were pressed back last night along the Roye-Breuil road and the enemy entered Montdidier.

From Warvillers the line runs through Arvillers, Dayvencourt, Gratiibus, Mesnil-St. Georges to Hainvillers.

Between the latter place and Pont l'Eveque (south of Noyon) the French this morning counter-attacked in force and with great dash drove back the enemy on a front of ten kilometres (six and a quarter miles) to a depth of three kilometres (nearly two miles).

The French pressure on the enemy in this area continues.

North of the Somme several attacks were made during the night in the neighbourhood of Beaumont Hamel, Rosignol Wood and north-west of Puisieux. These were all repulsed.

This morning the enemy opened a heavy bombardment north and south of the Scarpe River, and followed this by an attack opposite Arras with at least seven divisions.

The enemy on this front penetrated our forward zone and a fierce engagement took place in our battle zone.

Our line here now runs from Arras-Fampoux-Neuville-Vitasse-Boisieux—thence as before.

The fighting here has been severe and the enemy is reported to have lost very heavily.

FOE'S NEW FIELD GUN.

CORRESPONDENTS' HEADQUARTERS, FRENCH ARMY, FRANCE, Wednesday (received yesterday).—In their attacks the Germans are using a new type, low built, seventy-seven millimetre field gun, which is as easily movable as a mountain gun, and accompanies infantry in the advance.

—Reuter's Special.



Heavy fighting took place yesterday on the British front from north-east of Arras to south of the Somme. The French have lost Montdidier, but south of Noyon pushed back the enemy for two miles, occupying Mont Renaud, which bars the way to Paris along the Oise Valley.

FRENCH BAR THE DIRECT ROAD TO PARIS.

Thrice-Contested Strategic Noyon Height Now Held by Petain's Men.

PARIS, Thursday.—The French troops have succeeded in completely barring the direct road to Paris along the valley of the Oise.

The Germans, at the cost of heavy losses, twice managed to occupy Mont Renaud, a strategic point of great importance south of Noyon, but the French were successful in gaining it for the third time and in solidly holding their ground there.

The morale of the French troops is admirable.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

Thursday Afternoon.—The battle continued with sustained violence yesterday evening and during the night.

The enemy, blocked by our valiant troops and cruelly tried before the front Lassigny, Noyon and the left bank of the Oise, directed all his efforts to our left and threw forward important forces in the region of Montdidier.

Fighting took place on this front of a character of unheard of desperation.

Our regiments, struggling foot by foot and inflicting heavy losses on the assailants, never wavered at any moment, and have fallen back in order on to the heights immediately to the west of Montdidier.—Reuter.

BERLIN BOOMING CROWN PRINCE'S ADVANCE.

Germans, While Saying "Losses Are Normal," Make an Admission.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

Thursday Afternoon.—On the battlefield in Flanders the English again brought up against our troops fresh divisions which they had fetched from the other fronts.

To the north-west of Bapaume we drove the enemy back out of old crater positions in the direction of Bucquoy and Hebuterne.

The enemy fought fruitlessly with special stubbornness for the reconquest of Albert. Strong attacks, accompanied by tanks, broke down with sanguinary losses on the slopes of the hills situated before the town towards the west.

To the south of the Somme our divisions at many points broke their way through old enemy positions and drove the English and French back into regions of France which have remained untouched by the war since 1914.

The victorious troops of the German Crown Prince have penetrated into the enemy positions to a depth of sixty kilometres (thirty-seven and a half miles) in an uninterrupted attack from St. Quentin across the Somme. They pushed forward yesterday as far as Pierre-Pont and took possession of Montdidier.

Our losses generally keep within normal limits, though at some of the most vital points they are heavier. The number of slightly wounded is estimated at from sixty to seventy out of every hundred.

On the Lorraine front the artillery battles increased in violence.

Night.—There were engagements on the Scarpe and on the Aisne.

Between the Somme and the Aisne during the course of an attack toughly defended villages were taken.

"HOLDING OUR LINE WITH AEROPLANES."

Marching Huns Bombed and Riddled with Fire.

FOE'S 400,000 LOSS.

FROM HAMILTON FIVE.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Thursday.—One week to-day since the German offensive started. How does the position look now? From our point of view it looks good. That is the calm and considered judgment of those on our side who are best qualified to judge.

When the German naval division was brought in the men were assured that they would have a very easy job.

The sailors were unpleasantly surprised. They found our men had lots of fight in them.

The calling into line of this naval division, by the way, suggests that the enemy may be running short of reserves.

MOWED FOE DOWN.

I have been making particular inquiries as to the correctness of the figure I gave yesterday. I said then that it did not seem unduly hopeful to estimate the German casualties at the beginning at between 30 and 40 per cent. of the total force engaged.

I have been assured that this figure is not high enough. Fifty per cent. is the reckoning I find more generally accepted. [Three-quarters of a million Huns were in the back in the first two days. The Germans, on this calculation, their losses up to then numbered nearly 400,000.]

The hard and valuable work done in those critical days by our gunners cannot be too highly praised.

Here is a good example of coolness. A field battery was hotly engaged, when the enemy's infantry appeared over a ridge 800 yards distant from it. The gunners took full advantage of so tempting a target. They moved the infantry down, firing point blank into the masses.

When the Germans laid down they had shrapnel exploded over them in the most terrifying fashion. They made short rushes, showing either admirable courage or else fear of their officers' revolvers.

Our men waited until they were only twenty-five yards away, then they flung up and galloped off. Every gun got away unhurt.

The nature of the execution they did among the German infantry may be gathered from this instance. Near Morchies two batteries of six guns got on to large bodies of troops which were being assembled for an attack.

One fired with open sights—that is to say, in the same manner as one fires a pistol—at 1,000 yards; the other at 1,700. The slaughter was appalling.

Since the first days of the battle the most deadly energies on our side have been, I think, those of the Flying Corps. In some sectors it is not too much, though it sounds paradoxical, to say that we have been holding the line with aeroplanes.

AEROPLANE BARRIER.

Take the Albert-Bapaume road as an illustration of what I mean. Here there was up to yesterday much movement of troops.

Our airmen determined to prevent the Germans from using this road. They carried out the order, first by means of four tons of bombs dropped upon the columns of marching infantry, then, after they had allowed a short interval to elapse—just long enough to make the Germans think their troubles were over—they tried another plan.

They flew low, not more than nine hundred feet above the ground, and they riddled the enemy with machine-gun bullets. They caught him in masses and they sent the wretched men who formed these columns flying for any kind of shelter in every direction.

The road was cleared, and the enemy did not think it wise to try again. The greatest confusion of all was caused when German convoys were bombed and machine-gunned. The unfortunate horses bolted in terror; there was no holding them. The road was almost blocked by heaped-up bodies of horses and their riders.

Very Heavy Bombs.—AMSTERDAM, Thursday.

—A Berlin wireless message to the Dutch news agencies states:

Ever since the beginning of the western offensive the most powerful flying squadrons of the English and French make efforts every night to break up our communication lines behind the front, as well as to destroy our ammunition sheds.

Extraordinarily heavy destructive bombs are being used by the British airmen and the damage done is extensive.—Exchange.

TOWNS OF WOUNDED.

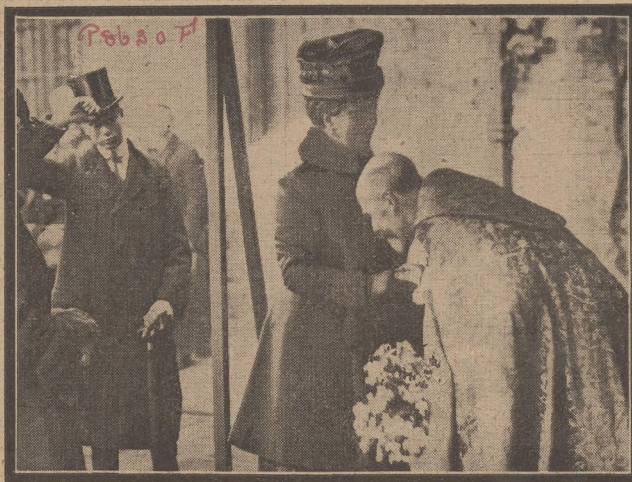
AMSTERDAM, Thursday.—According to information gleaned by the Zeevaar correspondent of the Telegraaf, wounded soldiers are arriving at all the towns in Germany, thousands upon thousands of badly-wounded men coming in.

Judging from the news that has reached us to-day from Germany, a feeling of despair is beginning to take hold of the German people. It prevails that Germany will be faced with a great disaster if its armies in Northern France do not attain the desired objective.—Reuter.

THE ROYAL MAUNDY—AN ANCIENT CEREMONY.



An officer examines Maundy money.



Queen Mary and Prince Henry arrive at Westminster Abbey.

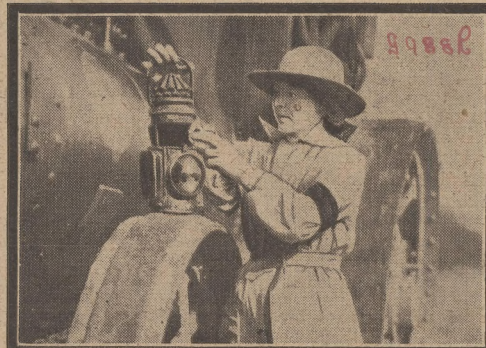
As in former years the mediæval custom of distributing the King's Bounty in the form of "Royal Maundy" was observed yesterday at Westminster Abbey. Queen Alexandra was present as the Queen Mother with Queen Mary. The recipients of the bounty were pensioners.

A HOME AWAY FROM HOME FOR NURSES.



Canadian nurses home on leave from the battle fronts have been provided with a new and most luxurious club in Lord Minto's house at Lancaster-gate. Some of the nurses who have just returned.

ANOTHER "LADY OF THE LAMP" AT WORK.



A land girl, who has proved to be a very capable thresher, at work cleaning her machine's lamp. They take great pride in the machines.

A BIRTH.



The Lady Dorothy Poploe, daughter of the Earl of Darnley, has given birth to a son. She was well-known as Lady Dorothy Blith.



ARRESTED.—M. Kamezoff, member of the Executive Committee of the Soviets, who has been arrested at Petrograd.

TEACHING THE DEAF TO READ THE LIPS.



Special classes are now being given in London, under the Ministry of Pensions, to discharged soldiers and sailors deafened in the war. Our photograph shows lip-reading instruction being given by an expert lady instructor.



MANDARIN HAT.—With this beautiful wrap coat of black satin is worn a quaintly designed black mandarin hat trimmed with a tall black ring. This has been nicknamed the Mother Shipton hat.

V.A.D.s.



Lady Perley, commandant of the Canadian detachment of the Imperial Voluntary Aid Detachments, now in England.



Lady Robinson, commandant of the Australian detachment of the Imperial Voluntary Aid Detachments, now in England.



Viscountess Gladstone, commandant of the South African Detachment, formed by the Women's Joint V.A.D. Department.

OMNIBUS GIRL AND



William Jennings, interned for three years, and Hetty Moore, an omnibus conductress, outside the church with their group.



HUN TRUTH TELLER.—Prince Lichnowsky, who may be prosecuted for confessing Germany started the war.



TANK M.M.—Chandler, Tank has been awarded the Military Medal for his services during the war.

D. TO WED



Miss Vera Halliday, only daughter of Sir Frederick and Lady Halliday, who is to wed Lieut. Hugh Trevor Dawson, R.N.



2nd Lt. C. H. Bovill, Coldstream Guards, the popular revue author, who has died of wounds. He was forty years of age.



Miss E. St. John Clarke, B.A., who since the beginning of the war has been a Red Cross worker in the Colonies.

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SAILOR ROMANCE.



ned a few days' leave to marry Miss
formed a guard of honour. The couple
resses after the wedding ceremony.



Miss Leo
returns to the
theatrical stage
at the Vaude-
ville, next week.



MENTIONED.—Mrs. Henry Clarke-Brown, wife of Kingston Blount, who has been mentioned.

GIRLS IN THE GREAT POTATO ARMY ON THE DIG.



Each one of these little girls hopes to win our great potato prize of £500.



A merry little potato worker.

THE REAL SORT OF FLAG "WAGGERS."



A signalling class of the Fleet Street Volunteers practising signalling in the Temple Gardens yesterday. This is a result of an order that there shall be a proper establishment of Volunteer signallers.



Two little sons of a railwayman on their father's allotment.

Every day brings large numbers of recruits to the great potato army. The Food Production Department contemplates that by to-day nearly 1,500,000 people will be digging. Start digging to-day.

CLEVER CONJURER'S WAR CAMPAIGN.



Carlton, the music-hall conjurer, addressing Portsmouth Dockyard men, under the auspices of the National War Aims Committee. Carlton is making war aims speeches at all the towns which he visits on his provincial tour.

DEATH.



Major Williams Bulkeley, of the Welsh Guards, who died in London yesterday. He was wounded at the front.



BOMB VICTIM.—Mrs. Gourley, wife of the Russian general, who has been killed whilst nursing in a German bomb.

ORIENTAL.—Oriental embroideries and a white waistcoat brighten this costume of navy blue stockinet. With it is worn a pearl straw hat. Oriental fashions are very popular in Paris just now.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 1918.

SUBMARINE AND POTATO.

THE submarines have been especially busy this past week, during the tremendous struggle in France; as though our fierce enemy had designed that his sea-attacks should as far as possible hamper and diminish our men's splendid effort upon land.

Not for a moment must we lose sight of this side of the conflict, solicited as our attention is by what our Army is doing. "Everything for the Army!" is the immediate cry, but we should not forget that it includes "Ships for the Army!" For without ships, and the constant replacement of our losses by submarine, the Army would be terribly hampered.

It directly follows from this, that we must make an immediate and a very great effort here at home to be self-sufficing in food; and *The Daily Mirror*, by its offer of big prizes, has tried to draw public attention to the fact that in no way can we so economically and so swiftly make ourselves self-sufficing as by the growth of potatoes, which may be planted during the next few weeks. These potatoes if we do our best with them will serve a double object: they will help to constitute an ultimate reserve of food in case of real necessity, but meanwhile will and to that extent reduce the need of shipping for importation of foodstuffs.

Let us at once get a million more acres under cultivation for the potato.

Nobody need fear a glut; the Government will take over any superfluity.

It is not a laborious or a difficult task, so long as little prejudices do not make obstruction. We appeal, not only to the amateur growers who are, we believe, doing very well; but also to the farmers throughout the country.

They have land at their disposal that could usefully be used in this way. What is needed is to bring every one of them to see that now is the time so to use it; that there is no question of negligible surplus and fanciful exploitation; but one of real necessity. All our people need to realise this. We have stubbornness. We have patience. In this week we have shown what our stolidity and perseverance can do for us. But we have not imagination, which perhaps cannot well go with stolidity. And that means we often fail to look ahead.

Whatever new direction this gigantic battle may give to the war, during the next few days, we still need to count, not on an end, but on a prolongation of the struggle; or at any rate of our food difficulties in connection with it. It would be unpardonable in us at home to live foolishly from hand to mouth, and so to lose here that battle which our fighters are winning at the front. In no way can the non-combatant so well help the fighter as by building ships and making himself as far as possible independent in the matter of food. Let there not be another day's delay, then. At least another million acres of potatoes! W. M.

IN MY GARDEN.

MARCH 28.—Cauliflowers that were kept in a cold frame during last winter must now be gradually hardened off, so that they will be ready for planting in the open in about two weeks' time. Get the ground ready for this crop without delay, therefore, by deep digging and manuring.

Sow cress and cabbage lettuce this week on a sunny border of good soil. Sow in lines, and later on set out the thinnings into another bed. The other plants need not be moved. E. F. T.

GOOD FRIDAY, 1918.

Stricken, He hangs upon the Cross,
With wounds in hands and feet and side,
And we, in anguish and in loss,
To-day with Him are crucified.

Yet He shall conquer Death and Woe
To rise with healing in His wings;
Shall we, who bleed with Him, not know
The joy the Resurrection brings?

—TERESA HOOLEY.



The Hon. Eleanor Norton, who has been married in France.



New picture of Miss Peggy Tennant, Mrs. Asquith's half-sister.

CARRY ON!

The Prince of Wales and "Tommy's" Orchestra—Flying to the Revue.

THIS WILL be a busy Good Friday for most of us. While the suburban allotmenteer is digging on his potato-patch Ministers and officials will be at their desks. There is no slackening down in London any more than in France and Flanders.

Going Away.—I noticed long queues at the booking offices of the London termini yesterday.

TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women, and Affairs in General

Maudy Thursday.—The Royal Family missed lunch yesterday to attend the distribution of Maudy Pence at Westminster Abbey; for it lasted from one till past two o'clock. From my seat in the choir I saw two Queens, five Princesses and a Prince come to honour the less fortunate.

Violets.—Not one of the young Princesses walked more erectly than Queen Alexandra, as the Dean escorted her between the rows of bobbing pensioners. She wore sable furs and a black hat, and pinned on her furs were white and blue violets.

Roses.—The Queen drove to the Abbey with her son and daughter in a small brougham, sniffed her gift of white roses with evident pleasure, then savouring Princess Mary's pink and red bunch.

The Washing of Feet.—There was a packed congregation, largely of men, at Westminster Cathedral in the afternoon, when the Cardi-

From One of the Wounded.—One of the wounded, who was a footballer in the old days, gave me a graphic description of "the way they came on" in the first days of the Hun rush.

Like a Footer Crowd.—"You know the way the crowd comes over the line after the match, sir. Well, they looked like that—a football crowd making a rush at the players." I thought: "Yes, only they didn't want to shake hands!"

Captive's Engagement.—I see that a British prisoner of war, Captain Cedric Coxon, of the well-known Norfolk family, is betrothed. The bride-to-be is Miss Isabella Clark, daughter of Sir John Clark, the Edinburgh publisher.

Sponsors.—One does not often hear of husband and wife jointly taking on themselves the responsibilities of godparents. But this has been done by the Baroness Beaumont and Captain the Hon. Bernard Fitzalan-Howard, who sponsored Mrs. Phillimore's little daughter the other day.

For the Red Cross.—I hear that the Red Cross pearl necklace is growing steadily. Several fine pearls have been added lately by well-known women. More are needed.

Soldier Baronets.—I see that Sir Joseph Tichborne has relinquished his Staff appointment. He was in the Hussars. The family were always Army men, and our fathers will remember that Sir Roger Tichborne, whom the "Claimant" impersonated, was in the Carabiniers.

Petrol Scarcity.—The recent prosecutions of stage favourites for using motor-cars without necessity have scared the theatre folk. I heard an eminent actor anxiously discussing with his wife whether it would be safe for her to use the car out shopping.

Not Dead.—There was a rumour about recently that Lieutenant Nettleingham, the compiler of "Tommy's Tunes," had been killed. Far from it! He is very busy putting together a second collection of soldiers' songs. He says the new ones—most of them printable—are pouring in.

Planes at 10.30.—I saw in the audience at the Alhambra the other night two famous airmen, one wearing the V.C. ribbon. They had flown from the Continent on business and took advantage of the trip to see "The Bing Boys on Broadway." They flew back after the show.

The Curfew.—Shorter intervals will combine with earlier hours so that the performances at the Adelphi, the Palace and the Gaiety will end at half-past ten next week. The curtain will go up at a quarter to eight.

Pen and Pennant.—Admiral Mark Kerr is a fine sailor and adored by all who have served under him. Whether he is a real poet can best be seen by reading his "Saga of the Drovers." The expense it costs goes to the British and Foreign Sailors' Society.

Efficiency.—Sir Herbert Morgan told me yesterday that he was issuing a directory of Government Departments and national organisations requiring voluntary workers. I have painful cause to know that such a directory has been greatly wanted. Now we have it.

Literary.—I like the literary touch, unusual in Government publications, that makes Kipling's inspiring poem, "The Glory of the Garden," the introductory page of the booklet. You can get it by writing to the Ministry of National Service, Westminster.

Croquet or Croquettes?—Where it is at all possible people are trying to save the croquet lawn instead of turning it into a potato patch. This is being done because the wounded all seem to have such a penchant for the game. As one remarked: "It does not take anything out of one."

More Wells Wanted.—An engineer tells me there is an enormous demand just now for well-sinkers. Some allotment colonies are paying largely to get co-operative wells working before summer comes.

Humour in Suburbia.—Rambling in the suburbs yesterday, I came across the following notice in a hairdresser's window: "Closed for duration of war. Keep your hair on till the boys come home!"

THE RAMBLER.

NURSERY RHYMES ADAPTED TO WAR TIMES.—No. 4.



A final series of familiar rhymes brought up to date for patriotic British children.—(By W. K. Haselden.)

day. The travellers were mostly women, children and men in khaki. There did not seem to be the usual holiday spirit.

A Mishap.—On the platform at Waterloo I encountered Sir Edward and Lady Carson, who had lost their train. More than that, Lady Carson had also mislaid her maid.

The Band.—Before the Prince of Wales went back to the front, I am told, he contributed to the collection of musical instruments which Mme. Novello Davies is making for the benefit of our fighting men. Mme. Patti is another supporter.

Reveries.—Upper Bohemia had a shock yesterday when it learned of the death of C. H. Bovill. He was one of the first to write a revue, and "Honi Soit" contained his wittiest and most daring work. He joined up with the Coldstream Guards early in the war, and the theatrical and literary world has lost one of its most popular members.

nal performed the Maudy Thursday ceremony of washing the feet of a score of children.

Colour.—The little boys, sitting in a row on a purple dais, removed shoes and stockings, while the cardinal, throwing off his purple and gold shot robes, bound a cloth about his waist, and, mitre on head, knelt to wipe each child's feet the while the choir chanted. It was a movingly beautiful ceremony.

Local Talent.—Mr. Ben Davies was down in Wales recently, he tells me, singing to convalescent soldiers. At one hospital the officer in charge, after warmly thanking the great tenor, asked him if he were a local man!

A Stirring Speech.—I did not hear Mr. Rudyard Kipling's Folkestone oration, so I am glad to have it in the neat pamphlet called "Kipling's Message," which the bookstalls sell at a penny. It is good alike as an exposition of war aims and an incentive to war saving.

STEADY, BOYS, STEADY!

BY MR. HORATIO BOTTOMLEY,
IN THE "SUNDAY PICTORIAL."

A SOCIETY WEDDING.



Major the Hon. Lionel Tennyson and the Hon. Mrs. Bethel, who were quietly married on Wednesday. Mrs. Adrian Bethel is a daughter of Lord and Lady Glenconner. Major Tennyson was the famous county cricketer.

A NEW STAMP FOR PALESTINE.



Here is a photograph of the new postage stamp which is now being used in Palestine since Jerusalem was occupied by the splendid armies of the victorious Allies.

BLIND FRENCH CHINA MAKERS.



Miss Holt, an American war worker, is teaching the blind soldiers of France to make the famous Sevres china. Miss Holt with some of her pupils.

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GIRLS PRACTISE FIRST AID



Munitionettes are naturally very interested in the arts of first aid. The photograph shows a group of munitionettes practising first aid during an interval of rest.



SINN FEINER.—Mr. Sean Milroy, Sinn Feiner, who has been selected to contest the forthcoming Parliamentary election at East Tyrone.



PROMOTED.—Capt. Lord Somers, Life Guards, who has been promoted to the rank of major while commanding a company at the front.

BLINDED SOLDIER WOODWORKERS.



Queen Alexandra yesterday paid a visit to St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blinded Soldiers and inspected the various workshops, where these men are taught different trades.

ENGAGED—MARRIED.



Captain Louis Botha, son of General Botha, who is engaged to Miss Argie MacDonald, of Spley Manor.



Miss Gwendolen Spicer, daughter of Sir Albert Spicer, who has married Mr. Ronald McKinnon Wood.

DECORATED AFTER DISCHARGE.



Bombardier Butler, now discharged from the Army as a result of his wounds, shows his wife and children the Military Medal which he has just received from General Sir Francis Lloyd.

A HOT WEATHER COSTUME.



Miss Helen Moller, the Greek dancer, in a characteristic pose. Her costumes at the Metropolitan Opera House have been criticised by some of the New York critics.